



WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 25, 1899

If the shoemaker should stick to his last, for a stronger reason, an editor should confine his writings to subjects with which he is familiar. Because some alleged cases of smallpox have been reported in one or two cities of this State, a Richmond editor says every body in Virginia should be vaccinated at once, and thereby "stamp out" that disease. Doesn't the editor referred to know that many intelligent and educated men who have devoted much time to the study of vaccination, not only disbelieve in its efficacy either as a preventive or a modifier of smallpox, but do believe that it is extremely dangerous to the health of those who submit to it and to their offspring, as the scab may have come from a diseased animal or person, and that consumption has increased at a rapid rate since Jenner made his alleged discovery that milkmaids didn't have smallpox. It is also well known that thousands of people have died of smallpox who have been repeatedly vaccinated, and that thousands of others have not had that disease though living with those who have. Some of the diseases most fatal to English speaking people, the plague, for instance, have disappeared, owing to common sense treatment, and there is no more reason why vaccination for smallpox should be beneficially effective, than inoculation for cancer, yellow fever, cholera or that alleged disease rabies. The man whose child may die from vaccination or may have the smallpox after vaccination, will have a good case for damages against the vaccinator.

ONE of the newspapers of Washington, all of which are republican, and all of which have done their best to defame and injure this city, say many Alexandrians have long been in favor of reannexing their city to the District of Columbia, and more will do so now. When an intelligent Alexandrian looks at the once prosperous Georgetown and sees what Washington has done for it, he comes back to his own city satisfied that the farther away from Washington, the better for it. But, better or worse Virginia, thinks the federal government got enough of her territory when it stole West Virginia, and will, certainly, relinquish no more of it, that is, willingly.

THE Governor of Idaho may approve the expensive policy of supporting a large standing army, but does not like for it to be used in suppressing labor riots. But where there are federal troops with nothing else to do, subject to the orders of authorities retained in power by means of protected manufacturers, trusts and gold monopolists, it will be a cold day when they are not asked for or supplied, to put down strikes and support government by injunction.

THE opposition to the reelection of Senator Martin has been reduced to such small proportions that that Senator, who, some months ago, thought about going on the stump, has abandoned that idea as entirely useless and utterly unnecessary. It doing so, Mr. Martin has afforded another evidence of the undoubted fact that he has good common sense, of which some of his opponents in his own party are just as evidently lacking.

THE ENGLISH seem to be having as hard a job in depriving the Boers of home rule as the Americans have in enforcing the fugitive slave law in the Philippines. The latter gave two dollars a head for the Filipinos, and, very naturally, desire to retain the property they have bought and paid for; that is on legal and proprietary grounds, but certainly not because government depends upon the consent of the governed.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, Washington, October 25. Colonel Ike Hill, who has returned to the city from Ohio, says Bryan created a sensation among the Buckeye voters. "I tell you," he says, "Bryan is the greatest man before the people this country has ever produced. He is bigger'n George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln all rolled into one. The abolitionists are scared almost to death. I wish you could have seen some of the meetings Bryan addressed. Nothing like it was ever seen before. Why old farmers with long beards came for miles to hear him. They would stand by their mouths wide open, drink in every word he said, and then cheer like wild Indians."

Senator Vest, who has been in poor health for the past year, is reported to be much improved, and expects to take an active part in the proceedings of the upper branch of Congress during the coming session. He has been spending several weeks with ex-Senator Quay at the latter's country place in Florida. Tiffau, which will probably fall to the United States in the division of Samoa, is not a large island but it contains Pago Pago harbor, which is the only fine harbor in the south Pacific Ocean, outside of New Zealand and Australia. The United States acquired exclusive rights at Pago Pago 15 years ago and is today spending half a million dollars erecting a coal station.

People from Lynchburg here today say Senator Daniel, who was invited to go to Kentucky and speak for his friend, ex-Senator Blackburn, and for Goebel and Bryan, has been compelled to decline the invitation on account of important business in his own State. Mr. Murray, the former owner of the "Murray tract," through which the government made a road to Fort Meyer, is here today. He says the government paid him rent regularly for the land it used, and that when he sold it, he sold the land through which the road runs. As a sample of the way in which labor is restricted now, an old resident of this city said this morning that while the city gas works a short time ago employed one hundred men, they now employ only eight, the reason being that formerly they used coal for making gas, but now have been induced by the oil trust to use petroleum.

A citizen of Alexandria county here today speaking of the discharge of alleged gamblers by the county court of that county yesterday, said the court could have done nothing else, as the grand jury, when in their room, made up a pony purse and gave it to a willing warden to take to the house of the accused and gamble, and come back and testify against them, and that as soon as Judge Love was informed of the fact, he dismissed the case immediately and peremptorily.

The probable result of the coming elections is the only subject of public interest today, in the absence of news from South Africa and Manila. The average republican talks as if convinced that Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio and Nebraska will each and all give large republican majorities, and the average democrat, that all of them are safely democratic. The truth is, that nobody has the faintest idea how any of them will go; but one thing is certain, and it is, that the republicans are very anxious about them, and are striving to the utmost extent of their power to carry them, and have, it is stated here, raised the price of votes to an extortionate amount.

The committee of Richmond citizens composed of members of the City Council, Board of Aldermen, Chamber of Commerce and Young Men's Christian Association, called upon Secretary Long this afternoon and invited him to attend the launching of the torpedo boat Schutrick next Tuesday. Secretary Long promised to be present. The committee then called upon Secretary Root, who said he would be very glad to be present if he could arrange it, but could not promise definitely. The committee failed to see Secretary Hay who was at dinner. The committee then escorted to the White House by Senator Martin, Representative Lamb, Judge L. L. Lewis and Judge Waddill, where they presented to the President a handsomely engrossed invitation to be present. The President expressed to the committee a desire to attend the launching with the hope that nothing would interfere with his being present.

President McKinley today issued his proclamation naming Thursday, November 30, as a day of general thanksgiving to be observed in the United States and in the newly acquired territories. The property No. 609 S.venth street, N. W., has been sold at auction to T. G. Jones of Baltimore for \$13,500 per square foot. There is only a small frame building on the lot, so the price represents the value of the ground. A one thousand dollar contribution to the Dew home fund was received this morning. It came anonymously from Brooklyn, and the accompanying letter was simply signed "A Friend." The amount will be spent to purchase rug and bric-a-brac for the Admiral's future home. The Brunswick-Balke-Clendenen, to offer to present the admiral with a billiard table. The final transfer of the property, conveying it in fee simple to the admiral, will be made today.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The President is overwhelmed with applications for appointments to the Military and Naval Academies.

Ten thousand tons of coal were shipped via the Chesapeake and Ohio canal during the month of September.

It is reported that several more men have been ambushed and killed in the Baker-White and the Griffin-Philpot feuds in Kentucky.

Secretary of the Navy Long has ordered the Naval Bureau chiefs to begin at once the preparation of plans for three new battleships.

It is said that the British army officials have determined to inoculate all their troops with a recently discovered vaccine as a protective against typhoid fever.

The Governor of Idaho has made an earnest appeal to President McKinley not to withdraw the federal troops from that State. He fears the lawlessness of the miners.

Filipinos continue to concentrate near Iloilo, Island of Panay, and important fighting is expected there. General Otis states that hostile Filipinos have been driven out of Negros Island.

In reply to an invitation from Senator Blackburn, Senator Daniel has written stating that on account of pressing engagements he cannot accept the Kentucky campaign this fall.

After a voyage of twenty-eight days from Cape Nome, during which two men died from starvation and others were half crazed from want of food and water, the schooner Hera arrived at Seattle, Wash., yesterday with nearly 200 passengers on board.

The annual missionary council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States yesterday began its sessions in St. Louis. "What to do with the Philippines," was the leading question discussed yesterday evening. Bishop Doane of Albany, N. Y., coming out squarely in support of the policy of the administration.

Mrs. Samuel Swartwood, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is the mother of the largest family in the United States. Although a comparatively young woman, being only forty-seven years old, she is the mother of twenty-five children, twenty of whom are living and all born within the past 27 years. The youngest is only a few days old, and gives promise of being, like his brothers and sisters, hale and hearty.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION.—The Virginia State Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in Staunton today, and the session will last three days. An informal reception was given last night by Mrs. James R. Taylor, Jr., regent of the Beverly Manor Chapter. The State officers are Mrs. Hugh Page Nelson, State regent; Mrs. Wm. Wirt Henry, honorary State regent; Mrs. Francis M. Smith, honorary State regent; Mrs. Eleanor Washington Howard, national vice president; Mrs. William Radford Beale, national vice president. Some of the most distinguished women of Virginia and the country at large were present.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Situation in South Africa.

London, Oct. 25.—The feeling of anxiety over the military situation in Natal is as keen as ever. The lack of detail relative to Yule's retreat is the disturbing factor. His abandonment of his wounded at Dundee indicates that his movement was a hurried one, and the belief is gaining ground that he has perhaps met with a serious reverse. A press dispatch from Capetown announces that Yule and White had joined forces, but an official dispatch from General White made no mention of the fact. The Boers are pressing on to Ladysmith in two strong columns, and news of a big battle near there may be expected at any time. The Boer columns outnumber the British three to one.

News from Mafeking and Kimberley is also anxiously awaited. A report here this morning had it that Kimberley had been shelled, and that the besieged garrison sent a flag of truce to the Boers.

Brussels, Oct. 25.—The Transvaal league here issues an estimate of the Boer forces which places the number of men available against England at over 88,000.

London, Oct. 25.—According to a dispatch to the Telegraph from Deau, Cape Colony, the Orange Free State's proclamation annexing British territory includes the district between the Vaal and Orange rivers, a slice of rich diamond country in which is situated Kimberley. The Free State also aims to annex Griqualand west.

A dispatch from Kimberley dated October 21st says: "We are as safe as a bank. Not one man has left. Rein is approaching. Our troops met the enemy, cutting the line today, and a Maxim gun on the armored train did good work and cleared away the wreckers."

Capetown, Oct. 25.—It is reported that the Boers have occupied Kripdam, between Kimberley and Mafeking, and that Assistant Magistrate Harmsworth and his clerk were made prisoners. Fears are entertained that Douglas, further west, will next be taken by the Boers. Messages from Douglas ask for assistance.

London, Oct. 25.—The war office states that the British losses in the skirmish between White's forces and Orange Free State troops north of Ladysmith yesterday were thirteen killed, ninety-three wounded and three missing. The Orange Free State sharpshooters proved themselves equally efficient at winging officers as have the Transvaal leaders. Among the British casualties were Colonel Wilford, killed, and one major and five lieutenants wounded. The skirmish took place at Reifontein.

Ladysmith, Oct. 25.—General White, to the north, reports that General Yule is within three miles of him. This in a measure relieves the tension as to Yule's whereabouts.

London, Oct. 25.—The war office learns unofficially that Lieutenant Colonel Moller and a squadron of the 18th Hussars together with eight other officers have been captured by the Boers. The 18th Hussars left in pursuit of the Boers after the battle at Glencoe on Friday last and had not since been heard from.

London, Oct. 25.—Despite messages from Kimberley of a reassuring nature, it is believed here the two is in dire straits. It is now reported that Gen. Cronje, who has been besieging Mafeking with doubtful success, has started south to attack Kimberley. The Boers are already on all sides of Kimberley, but have evidently not been able to attack the town in force. With the arrival of Cronje and his artillery a concerted assault on the town may be expected made furious, with the capture of Cecil Rhodes, as an incentive.

Davitt Announces His Resignation.

London, Oct. 25.—The Irish protest against the war on the Boers culminated in a sensational manner today, when Michael Davitt, the prominent Irish nationalist and member of parliament, announced in the House of Commons that he would resign from that body tomorrow. "If I were offered an Irish republic," said Mr. Davitt, "in exchange for one word in favor of this war, I would not utter it. I shall resign tomorrow and ask the Chancellor to release me from further attendance." Mr. Davitt added: "I am convinced the House of Commons was never righter unless backed by force." Davitt's resignation has caused general surprise. He says his parliamentary career is definitely ended.

Sampson's Sword.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 25.—Rear Admiral William T. Sampson was at 3 o'clock this afternoon formally presented with the beautifully jeweled sword, voted to him by the legislature of this State as a testimony of its appreciation for his services rendered his country at the battle of Santiago. The ceremony took place in the Assembly Chamber in the presence of both bodies of the legislature, the officers of the North Atlantic squadron and a number of naval officers. At 10:30 o'clock this morning Admiral Sampson proceeded to the State House, where he made an official call upon Governor Voorhees. As the admiral entered the State capitol a salute of 17 guns was fired and his flag hoisted over the building.

American Jockeys in England.

Newmarket, Oct. 25.—The second Welter Handicap of 300 sovereigns today was won by C. F. Dryden's My Lady's Maid, ridden by Sloan. The bet was 10 to 1 against My Lady's Maid. Sloan was again a winner in the race for the Chevalry Stakes of 200 sovereigns, riding Lord Beresford's Lutetia.

The Nursery Plate of 300 sovereigns, was won by L. Reiff on Bournebridge. The Cambridgehire stakes of 500 sovereigns were won by Irish Ivy. Airs and Graces, with L. Reiff up, was second. Reiff is becoming a new turf wonder.

The Trouble on the Mexican Border.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 25.—The trouble between the Mexicans and American cowboys around Naco, Arizona, is assuming a more serious phase. The Mexicans have thrown up earthworks 300 feet from the border, and the neighborhood of Naco swarms with American cowboys. It is probable that a repetition of the recent affair in which five men were killed, can be prevented only by a saturation of both Mexican and United States troops permanently near the seat of trouble.

Starved with Gold Filled Belts.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 25.—William Laffer, who has just returned from Alaska, brings a story of the death of N. C. Pally and two Frenchmen, names unknown, all of Boston, on the Bonanza river, in northern Alaska, last winter. The men had been searching for gold but ran out of food and starved to death during a terrible blizzard, though their belts were filled with gold dust.

Foreign News.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Leon Boulard, formerly a high dignitary in the Roman Catholic Church, and closely attached to the official family of Pope Leo XIII. has started a movement here the ultimate object of which is to gather all the French people in the United States and Canada into the independent Catholic church.

Liverpool, Oct. 25.—The White Star steamship Germanic collided with the steamer Hopper in the Mersey last evening. A hole 12 feet square was stove in the Germanic's port quarter, and she returned to her dock here.

Westin, Austria, Oct. 25.—Bloody anti-Jew riots took place here today. The gendarmes fired on the mob, killing six and wounding sixteen.

London, Oct. 25.—Grant Allen, the author, is dead. He was born in Kingston, Canada, in 1848.

Paris, Oct. 25.—The Senate, sitting as a High Court of Justice, finds that the charges against M. Paul Deroulade, M. Jules Guerin and thirteen others accused of plotting to overthrow the government, are sustained. The examination of the conspirators before magistrates has been in progress for several weeks. This was preliminary to the trial of the offenders before the High Court.

MONTREAL, Oct. 25.—The Montreal contingent of a Transvaal company left the city this morning for Quebec, where they will embark for Capetown, South Africa, on the steamship Sardinian Tuesday next. The send off tendered them was a quiet affair.

Wives All Over the World.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Forty-two wives scattered throughout the world, four of whom are in Chicago, was the confession made yesterday by Walter L. Farnsworth, a Chicago candy commission man, who was arrested on Monday charged with bigamy. Farnsworth also admitted that he was a man of many aliases. Some of these are Charles Bradford, A. J. Hittig, S. L. Thomas, A. L. Kiefer and Bradshaw. "I cannot exactly tell how many women I have married," said he; "I know of eleven in Europe, four in China, three in Peru, one in England, and over twenty others in different parts of the world, but to say my wife is in London, I married her for different reasons. I did not live long with them. They will all tell you I was good to them."

Farnsworth was arraigned this morning to answer to a charge of bigamy. Three of his wives were present. The case was continued to give Farnsworth more time to prepare his defense. He will claim the same rights under the flag as are given to the Sultan of Sulu in the matter of multiplicity of wives.

United Daughters of Confederacy.

NORFOLK, Oct. 25.—The fifth annual convention of Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, opened at 10 o'clock this morning in Stonewall Camp headquarters room, City Hall. The convention was called to order by Mrs. E. H. O'Brien, of Alexandria, the president. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Alice H. Jenkins, president of Portsmouth Chapter. The response by Mrs. O'Brien. After the appointment of a recording secretary, Mrs. W. C. N. Merchant, registrar, of Chatham, called the roll of chapters and business was transacted until 12 o'clock, when the visitors were given an excursion around the harbor on the steamer William H. Phillips. The evening session will begin at 7:30 o'clock, when reports of officers will be read, and after adjournment an informal reception will be given the delegates and officers of the Virginia Division by Portsmouth Chapter at the residence of Mrs. John C. Ashton from 9 to 11 o'clock.

Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Fire broke out at 9:40 o'clock this morning in the freight depot of the Lower East River Company at the foot of East Seventh street. It is a four story structure, partly built of galvanized iron. Seven firemen fell from a ladder. They were overcome by the smoke. A hurry call for ambulances was sent in for the injured men. The fire boats have arrived and are pumping tons of water into the burning building. A big coopership adjoining the burning building is in danger of being destroyed.

From Manila.

Manila, Oct. 25.—A large force of natives has surrounded Calamba on the south shore of Laguna de Bay. They will probably re-occupy the town. The 26th infantry which arrived yesterday on the Grant, proceeded directly to Iloilo.

The funeral of Captain Guy Howard was held today. After the exercises the body was escorted by troops to the transport Belgian King.

Hangman Sees Victims' Ghosts. San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Amos Lunt, the hangman of San Quentin prison, with a record of twenty executions in five years, is a mental wreck from insomnia and hallucinations. He has not slept in nearly two weeks. Every time he falls into a doze he sees the spirit of some murderer whom he has hanged, or, occasionally, of a victim who murdered two girls in a local church, and of the hunchback, John Miller. Warden Hale will send Lunt to a sanitarium.

A Terrible Accident.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 25.—Walter English was mortally injured this morning while firing a salute in honor of Admiral Sampson. English was at the rammer, when a premature explosion took place and tore off both his hands at the wrists. He was taken to a hospital where the surgeons said he would die. Admiral Sampson was not informed of the accident.

The Markets.

New York, Oct. 25.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—Dec—; May 70 3/4; 71 1/4; Corn—Dec—; May 31 1/4; Oats—Dec—; May 22 1/2; Pork—Dec—.

MARRIAGE AT WARRENTON.—At 4 p. m. yesterday, at the Methodist Episcopal Church Miss Gertrude Ashby Martyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martyn, was married to Mr. T. Richard Schwab. The church was beautifully decorated. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wells, assisted by Rev. F. E. Boston, of the Baptist Church. The bride entered the church with her father and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. F. G. Anderson. The bride wore white organdie over white silk, with train, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor, Miss Annette Martyn, sister of the bride wore white organdie with pale blue ribbon, and also the bridesmaid, Miss Mary Lou, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myers, each carrying bouquets of white chrysanthemums. Mendelson's wedding march was rendered by Miss Lula Kincheloe, and as the bride party left the church a select choir sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden." Little Scher, a girl in the groom's party, and Bessie Martyn were the flower girls. The ushers were F. D. Gaskins, of Warrenton; Wm. Minnis, of Washington, and J. B. Grayson, of Warrenton. A reception was given at the home of the bride. The couple left on the evening train for a northern bridal tour. Friends were met at the depot. The groom is a prosperous young merchant.

Martin White, chief of police of Omaha, died suddenly today as the result of over work.

CITY COUNCIL.

There was more than the average number of spectators at the proceedings of the City Council last night. The session lasted about an hour and a half. The business transacted was mostly of a routine nature.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

All the Aldermen were present, and after the board had been called to order and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

Mr. Hill offered a resolution directing the Auditor to draw his warrant in favor of the widow of the late Dr. J. W. Bechtel for \$62.75 for services rendered by the deceased during the smallpox epidemic in this city last winter.

Mr. Hill said he hoped it would be the pleasure of the board to pass the resolution. The amount claimed was comparatively small.

Mr. W. H. Sweeney said he was under the impression that a resolution providing for the payment of the bill would be introduced in the lower board. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

A number of papers which had been acted upon by the Common Council were subsequently received and their action concurred in, after which Mr. Burke, of the lower board, appeared in the chamber bearing an invitation to the Aldermen to meet the Common Council in joint session for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Board of Health and for the election of a City Engineer.

The invitation precipitated a spirited debate, Mr. Ballenger saying he had no objection to going into joint session for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Health, but he deemed it premature to attempt to elect a City Engineer until the salary of that official was definitely fixed. A resolution reducing his pay from \$1,500 to \$1,200 had just been referred to the finance committee, and, speaking for himself, he thought it better to wait until that committee reported.

Mr. J. T. Sweeney saw no good reason for declining the invitation on that ground, especially as matters stood, such a thing as the salary should not be taken into consideration. "The Mayor's communication showed that the matter of selecting a Board of Health was urgent."

Mr. Ballenger said he had no objection to joint session if it is merely for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Health, but I am averse to electing a City Engineer now.

Mr. Sweeney continuing said he would come to the question of the City Engineer later. He reiterated that he saw nothing in the resolution concerning the salary to be paid that official to stop a joint session. It would be the province of the two boards to decide whether or not a City Engineer should be elected after convening in joint session. In the face of the Mayor's communication the invitation of the Common Council should be accepted.

Mr. Ballenger again interrupted the speaker by saying that the gentlemen whom the Mayor had appointed members of the Board of Health could act. They were clothed with the same power as though they had been elected by Council.

Mr. Sweeney—"But they must immediately be invested with that power by Council."

Mr. Ballenger said he only spoke for himself. If a majority of the board directed the joint session that would settle the matter so far as he was concerned.

Mr. Sweeney said he was merely stating his own views. It was a rare occurrence in the history of the City Council for one board to refuse to meet the other in joint session. There was no obligation on the part of either board to elect any one after meeting, but it was common courtesy to accept invitations of this nature.

Mr. Ballenger—"Was it common courtesy when the Aldermen refused to meet the Common Council in joint session recently to hear a statement from a committee of the Business Men's League?"

Mr. Sweeney said he had never said so before, but he said now, that he did not believe the slightest discourtesy was intended the gentlemen composing that committee. That they were not given a hearing was the fault of some of the members of the City Council and probably of the gentlemen themselves.

As the matter had been brought up, however, he would give a resume of the entire proceedings of the night in question, together with the manner in which the meeting had been called. Mr. Sweeney then went over most of the ground he covered on the night in which it was decided the Aldermen had not been legally called, stating that while the Common Council had been legally organized the Board of Aldermen had not. He said Council had adjourned in July until the second Tuesday in October, but the members nearly every week were being called together at the ipse dixit of this and that one. He maintained that members of the boards constituting the City Council had some rights which should be respected, and that their comfort should sometimes be consulted. He had on the night in question left pleasant company to respond to the summons, and had found that the meeting had been called without consulting the Mayor or the President of the Board of Aldermen, and he had protested against such a procedure. It was, therefore, no fault of the Aldermen if the committee was not heard. He insisted it was the duty of the Aldermen to go into the other board when invited, and the question of electing this or that one could be settled. He closed by saying it was amusing to him to hear that Council presumed a suitable engineer could be procured for \$1,200 a year. Mr. Corse had been receiving \$1,500. If Council desired to procure the services of a capable man his pay should not be less than that amount. He did not know who was to be elected; he had consulted with no one, but he was in favor of waiving everything and going into joint session.

Mr. W. H. Sweeney moved that the invitation be accepted.

A viva voce vote was taken and by the sound it seemed the motion was lost. A division was called for by Mr. J. T. Sweeney, and Messrs. Curtin, W. H. Sweeney, J. T. Sweeney and Mr. President voted to accept the invitation, and Messrs. Hill, Dobie, Clark and Ballenger, ainsit it—so the motion was lost on a tie vote.

Mr. Hill arose and said he voted against going into joint session for the reason that there were four applicants for the position, two of whom he had solicited to enter into the competitive examination. He did not know until today that Mr. Dunn was a candidate. He would vote for Mr. Dunn.

Mr. J. T. Sweeney said he would also vote for Mr. Dunn.

Mr. W. H. Sweeney was requested

to inform the Common Council that their invitation had been declined. He soon returned and informed the Aldermen that the lower board had adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the board was called to order soon after the hour of meeting.

The finance committee reported favorably an ordinance increasing to \$600 the city's portion of the salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Mr. Burke moved to postpone the ordinance until the next meeting. He did not desire to antagonize the report but wished an opportunity to see the committee on the subject.

Mr. Lawler urged that the present was the best time for action on the matter.

Mr. Smith asked what Major Duffey, the former commissioner, received.

Mr. Lawler replied that sometimes Major Duffey received \$450, sometimes \$350 and once \$700 per annum. The total receipts of the commissioner's office last year were \$1,463, and after all expenses were paid it did not leave him more than \$1,100.

Mr. Snowden said that the matter goes over till the next meeting. He did not wish to antagonize the measure, but there were some features connected with it that he wished to ask the commissioner about.

Mr. Smith urged the passage of the ordinance at once.

The motion to postpone was lost by a rising vote.

Mr. Snowden said he did not believe in retroactive payments, and wished to be consistent. On a previous occasion he had opposed such payments and did not believe that this council should pay that part of an officer's salary for services performed during the session of a previous council. He said the terms of the other city officers began on July 1st and moved to make the increase begin on the 1st of July instead of the 1st of January.

Mr. Appich objected to the change, as did also Messrs. Lawler and Desmond.

The amendment was lost and the ordinance unanimously adopted.

A letter was read from the Mayor announcing that he had filled certain vacancies in the Board of Health. The communication was received.

The committee on light reported in favor of substituting gas for the two electric lights in the market and that one arc light be placed at Fayette alley and the Strand and the report was adopted.

Mr. Trimyer moved that a light be placed at the corner of Lee and Franklin streets, near Zion Chapel, which he said was a very dark section and the scene of frequent fights, &c.

Mr. Evans urged that the electric light be placed at the corner of Henry and Wolfe streets.

Mr. Snowden said that Mr. Trimyer was a little off in the geography of the First ward; the corner of Lee and Franklin streets was a very brilliant neighborhood; it was the corner of Lee and J. T. Sweeney where the light was needed and he urged that the lamp be placed there and Mr. Trimyer's motion was amended as agreed to.

The committee on streets had no reports.

Mr. Desmond introduced a resolution reducing the salary of the City Engineer from \$1,500 to \$1,200, which was referred.

A resolution from the Aldermen to pay the bill of the late Dr. Bechtel for attendance upon patients last winter during the smallpox scare, was sent back for correction, the amount having been reduced from \$65.50 to \$62.75, the difference between 50 and 25 cents for eleven vaccinations.

Mr. Snowden said it remained for a few members to be compelled to do the disagreeable work of Council. This claim, he said, had been reported adversely a few months since and the report had been unanimously sustained by Council. The claim was for services performed without sanction of Council or of any city officer and with other similar bills had been previously rejected. He did not believe that the city's affairs should be conducted on sentimental principles and said but for the recent sudden death of Dr. Bechtel the bill would never again have been heard of in Council. If this bill was paid the other rejected bills would have to be paid also.

The action of the Aldermen in ordering the bill to be paid was concurred in. Mr. Appich introduced an order for a pipe sewer on north Washington street, which was referred to the committee on streets. Mr. A. explaining that the petitioners desired no action until a city engineer be appointed.

Mr. Burke moved that the Board of Aldermen be invited to the council chamber to elect a City Engineer.

Mr. Desmond—"Put in elect Board of Health," and Board of Health was included.

L. R. Graybill, of Washington, made application to be appointed City Engineer.

A long recess, waiting on the Aldermen, ensued. At last Alderman W. H. Sweeney appeared and announced that the Aldermen declined the invitation. The Council then adjourned.

PHARMACY BOARD.—The State Board of Pharmacy met yesterday morning